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SUBJ: NEW DOMINICAN GOVERNMENT SWORN IN

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1. ON MARCH 31, GOVERNOR SIR LOUIS COOLS-LARTIGUE SWORE IN THE NEW DOMINICA LABOUR PARTY GOVERNMENT FOLLOWING THAT PARTY'S SWEEPING VICTORY IN THE GENERAL ELECTIONS HELD ON MARCH 24. THE DLP WON 16 OF THE 21 SEATS IN THE DOMINICAN HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY TO CONTINUE ITS 14 YEAR RULE OF DOMINICA. THE NEW DOMINICAN GOVERNMENT IS AS FOLLOWS:

PATRICK R. JOHN, PREMIER AND MINISTER OF TRADE, DEVELOPMENT, TOURISM, LOCAL GOVERNMENT, SPORTS, AND SECURITY

HENCKELL L. CHRISTIAN, DEPUTY PREMIER AND MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND HEALTH

VICTOR RIVIERE, FINANCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

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MICHAEL DOUGLAS, AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES AND COOPERATIVES

ISAIAH THOMAS, LABOUR, SOCIAL SECURITY AND YOUTH AFFAIRS

J. OLIVER ("PERRY") SERAPHIN, COMMUNICATIONS, WORKS AND HOUSING

2. COMMENT: THE NEW DOMINICAN GOVERNMENT IS CONSIDERABLY YOUNGER THAN ITS IMMEDIATE PREDECESSOR AND PROMISES TO BE MORE COMPETENT. THE FORMER GOVERNMENT CONTAINED AT LEAST TWO MINISTERS WHO WERE WHOLLY OR NEARLY ILLITERATE, AND AS A WHOLE HAD A POOR REPUTATION FOR EFFECTIVENESS. BY CONTRAST, THE NEW MINISTERS -- ALL BUT TWO OF WHOM ARE IN THEIR 30'S -- ARE FAIRLY WELL EDUCATED BY DOMINICAN STANDARDS; WHAT THEY LACK IN EXPERIENCE IS LIKELY TO BE COMPENSATED FOR BY THE FRESH APPROACH AND DRIVE THEY BRING TO THEIR NEW TASKS. IT IS NOTEWORTHY THAT JOHN HIMSELF HAS TAKEN SUCH KEY PORTFOLIOS AS TRADE, DEVELOPMENT AND SECURITY. THIS SUGGESTS THAT, WHILE MAINTAINING HIS TOUGH LAW-AND-ORDER STANCE, HE WILL PUSH THE REVIVAL OF DOMINICA'S DEPRESSED ECONOMY.  
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